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ARID LANDS.

Their need to culti-vate arid lands after the artesian wells were to end in the Pecos valley great tracts of level lands just outside the artesian wells were left and these lands were considered practically worthless, selling anywhere from \$10 to \$20 an acre and hard to sell at that.

Today thousands of acres of these same lands are being reclaimed by pumping. The same arid lands of a few years ago were considered useless except for dry farming, which was not a bowing success, and for grazing which it failed enough to make grass.

Today these lands are worth from \$125 to \$250 an acre. They are not only worth it; they are actually selling for that figure, and they will later sell for double that.

This matter is mentioned merely as a sidelight on what can be done in other sections of the territory. The Pecos valley has already found the value of her lands and is reclaiming them. Around Deming and at Portales similar arid lands have already been brought under irrigation by the pumping process. Deming lands, particularly, have been unusually susceptible to this method and their prices are not as high now as they should be for the produce they grow.

Where irrigation from reservoir or stream is not practicable, the pump is doing the work and doing it well. A good pump outfit with reasonably shallow water means that arid land will jump from practically no value to several hundred dollars an acre.

It is difficult to say at this time just which section of New Mexico is going to forge to the front agriculturally in the next ten years. No one can guess the great tracts of land in New Mexico that are susceptible to irrigation by pumping, and any land owner or homesteader who can develop water at a pumping depth may cause a new town, farming district and trade center to spring into being almost over night.

The important thing, however, is the way in which New Mexico lands are advancing in price, and especially so-called worthless lands of a year or so ago. It is a constant exhortation to the holder of land in New Mexico to seek for the hidden spring to the wealth that is his by the use of a pump in so-called arid areas.

NO MORE POKER.

The president of the republic of Panama, who is Colonel Gethal's understudy, has issued an official decree that hereafter there shall be no more poker playing in the nation.

This was made necessary, our partial government explains, by the fact that our employees in the canal zone were losing all their wages trying to rattle the jackpot and thereby causing much grief and anguish along the sun ditch.

This decree from the faraway Republic serves only to recall once again the fast dimming horizon dark that were but are no more. In that era of our domestic life before we began the systematic building of barbedwires and the acquisition of provinces over the North and South American continents accomplish such a Colonel Gethal has made world cause a blush of shame to mantle the ranged faces of our first American citizens.

But it is a fact that poker playing is not art. It may suffice to a limited extent in some out-of-the-way corners but the real old-time gamblers seem to go about the time of the breaking up of navigation on the Mississippi river, and it has been going ever since.

In those days the American poker player could make a name for himself in Panama or Hindostan. He could borrow enough chips to sit in and generally had enough cards to stay after he got in.

But times change and while the pack of cards is popularly supposed to hold the same number as formerly there is a slight science in handling them successfully that like the Egyptian method of embalming, is a lost art. The way they play poker now is chase around on the links golfing, is the canal zone wide enough for some links?

THE MAYOR'S RIGHT.

In naming a city physician, a city fire chief and a city attorney Mayor Elder is but acting within his right as head of the city government. The city council in declining to confirm these appointees shows a spirit that

does not make for good communal government.

These appointments are entirely necessary to a successful conduct of the office of mayor and are in the nature of advisory and personal representations.

The city council should see the matter in a proper light and the office should be placed in the office designated by Mayor Elder. They are thoroughly competent all well-qualified and therefore nothing that can be brought in against them except in strictly partisan lines, which should not be allowed in either existing or prospective.

The present stand of the aldermen is probably based on mere politics and not the best interests of the city. Mayor Elder is in full his office as it should be told he should be given his choice of the men who are to carry out the work.

The right thing for the council to do is to lay aside partisanship and unite with the mayor to give Albuquerque the best city government possible. It was what the people expect and what they will demand.

The Herald is an interview with Dr. Cheyne of Walling recently, incorrectly stated that the street fair in that bustling little town would be held in June when it should have said September. The Herald gladly makes the correction and hopes that the fair will be a success from start to finish.

The exhibits of that fair are going to be brought to the New Mexico fair in this city and it is to be hoped that will be big, showy and attractive. The country around Willard has had a couple of pretty hard years, but a few good rains and some pumping plants have set the tide the other way and Willard is on the high road to prosperity.

The tragedy enacted in Old Albuquerque yesterday, when an 11-year-old boy shot and killed his sister, is another grim reminder that loaded guns have no business in any home and children of tender years have no business with guns of any kind or description. The sympathy of the community is with the parents who have been visited with a terrible calamity.

When the hard-working devil withdraws a pay check every week reads the Oxbard brothers cleaned up half a million dollars in one day in a little judicious manipulation in the sugar business it is likely to cause anything from ordinary jealousy to apoplexy.

Those millionaires and dukes who go to great expense to see the coronation will have nothing on the picnics through this time. They are going to take moving pictures of the whole ceremony and we can all see the coronation for ten cents, with music by the orchestra, by hook!

The Cooke case in Cincinnati is bringing to life some weird undebated that the average human being believed to exist only in the yellowback novel. Verily, truth is stranger than fiction.

Diaz is suffering from an ulceration of the jawbone which possibly may have been caused by grinding his teeth in silent rage, as they say in the novels after receiving each day's wireless bulletins from Mexico.

If Madero keeps on promising those insurgenz genrarez political jinx he will be in the same fix as some of our statesmen who try to fulfill campaign promises after the election.

There were 123 passengers on the limited yesterday all going to southern California. What New Mexico needs now is some enforcement to get them to stop off here. They will stay if they can.

A Denver judge red a jury on habeas corpus until they finally agreed to consider the prisoner. If there is anything that would shake man bring in a verdict it is lettuce.

Sixty senators are prepared to vote for Mr. Tamm's reciprocity bill. If we can only get fifty of us to vote for statehood of some kind, we will be content.

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ROUND SALE.

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READY TO START

London Is Wonderful Scene as
Final Preparations for the
Great Festivities Are Completed.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)
London, June 11.—The final preparation for the coronation festivities throughout most royal cities rapidly brought to a close and the city is in full swing, preparing to a spirit of mad rejoicing on a colossal scale, with almost unexampled enthusiasm of visitors from America and other parts of the world hailing and cheering in the royal demonstration.

A notable feature shows the lines of regiments in full dress in the newly-crowned king, in full procession through the streets of London and elsewhere and particularly in the almost complete transformation of familiar sights. Castles, ancient edifices, public buildings and open spaces, once prominent and prettily resplendent have entirely changed their appearance. Starting with the Westminster Abbey itself, the antex added to its aspect almost amazingly, although officials were anxious to lend an air of age to the church addition.

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In response to many sessions formal participants in the coronation ceremony, the office of warden has decided to permit those present to participate as governors the chairs and stools on which they sat all of which are marked with the word "Coronation" and embossed with the crown and the date of the occurrence.

The onerous duty of the disposition of the guests has fallen on the Earl Marshal the Duke of Norfolk, who for many weeks has been the busiest man in England. His task was rendered all the more difficult by reason of the fact that the spans in Westminster Abbey is very limited and before he was able to take into consideration any of the thousands of applications for invitations from the distinguished visitors and others lessors of being present, he was compelled to provide sitting room for no fewer than 1,000 official guests.

These guests comprised 10 members of the Royal family, 250 foreign rulers and representatives of foreign states, 4,500 peers and peersesses, 673 members of parliament, 300 members of the diplomatic corps, 400 military, naval and legal officers, 1,000 official colonial representatives and 700 officers of the army and navy, king's counsellors and members of the royal household. As the abbey is capable of holding only slightly under 3,000 there remained only about 2,000 places to be disposed of in the unoccupied pews.

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